

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 04 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 05 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 03 Nov 2023 at 17:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high, but low for extent of low cloud and any rain in the far south on Saturday. Low for timing of rain on Wednesday.

Headline for Saturday 04 Nov 2023: Cold but largely dry with sunny spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 04 Nov 2023

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
							
Fog	Mist	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	<05%	20%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Saturday 04 Nov 2023

Weather: Mainly dry but cloudy through the early hours. A slight chance of some light rain and summit snow in the morning across Knoydart and Glen Shiel. Otherwise dry with some bright or sunny spells, best of the sunshine across the far north. Remaining dry with some clear spells in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the south early morning, otherwise 80-90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Visibility mostly very good with little if any cloud on the hills. A chance of poor visibility around and shortly after dawn in the far south, mainly around Knoydart.

Forecast for Saturday 04 Nov 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	17/20 SE	12/15 SE	10/12 SE	8/11 SE	7/9 SE	6/8 E	7/9 E	7/9 E	6/7 SE
900	17/20 SE	12/15 SE	10/12 SE	8/11 SE	7/9 SE	6/8 E	7/9 E	7/9 E	6/7 SE
600	11/15 SE	10/13 SE	8/10 SE	6/8 SE	5/7 SE	4/6 E	5/7 E	5/7 E	4/6 SE
300	3/13 E	5/10 E	4/7 E	3/7 E	2/5 E	2/5 E	3/5 E	3/6 E	3/5 E
Glen	8/13 E	7/10 E	6/8 E	5/7 E	3/4 E	2/4 E	4/6 E	4/6 E	3/5 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-3	2/-3	2/-2	2/-1	2/-1	2/-1	2/-2	1/-2	1/-2
900	3/-2	2/-2	2/-1	3/-1	3/-0	3/0	2/-1	2/-1	2/-1
600	5/2	5/1	4/2	4/2	5/3	5/3	4/2	4/2	3/2
300	6/5	5/3	4/2	4/3	6/6	7/6	4/3	4/2	3/2
Glen	9/6	8/6	7/5	7/6	9/8	9/9	7/6	6/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	1300m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1200m	1100m	1100m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Note cold summit temperatures despite the sunshine.

Forecast for Sunday 05 Nov 2023

Weather: Some patchy cloud through the early hours. Then a largely dry day inland with sunny spells. Scattered showers are likely along the west coast, wintery above munro level. Showers may spread a bit further inland overnight.

Maximum wind: South or southwest 5-10 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90% inland, 60% along the west coast.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally very good visibility with little if any cloud on the hills, but along the west coast, cloud bases may drop to affect the summits near passing showers.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 1 Celsius rising to 3 Celsius. Falling to zero Celsius in the evening.
Freezing level: 1200m.